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PART I

IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT ORDERS

LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT

Records the Administration Report of the Stores Purchase Committee for the year 1950-51.

READ—

Letter No. S.P.C. 19653, dated the 30th August 1951, from the Secretary, Stores Purchase Committee, Bangalore, forwarding the Annual Report of work done by the Stores Purchase Committee during the year 1950-51.

ORDER No. S.R. 6279-6858—S.P.C. 7-51-2, DATED BANGALORE, THE 15TH DECEMBER 1951.

Recorded.

2. The total value of purchases of all kinds arranged by the Stores Purchase Committee both from Firms in India and in Foreign Countries during the year under report, was Rs. 1,86,74,778, as against Rs. 1,22,45,341 in 1949-50. The increase in the value of purchases was due to the violent fluctuations in prices of almost all materials, and partly to the increased indents of some growing Departments such as the Occupational Institute, the Government Electric Factory, the Agricultural College, the Electrical Department, etc. The prices of almost all materials were high and the speculative tendency of the trade continued to prevail.

3. Messrs. Rendel Palmer and Tritton, Ltd., continued to act as Consulting and Inspecting Engineers in London, in respect of all Railway Stores until the Mysore Railway System was taken over by the Government of India, under the Scheme of Federal Financial Integration. Since then, the services of this Firm are not being utilised. Messrs. Best & Co., Ltd., Madras, continued as Clearing and Forwarding Agents of Mysore during the year. services were uniformly satisfactory. The Trade A Office in London continued to render assistance t Stores Purchase Committee as usual.

4. Steps were taken to give wide publicity in the papers to the enquiries of the Stores Purchase Comm which resulted in drawing the attention of a larger nu of tenderers and in a corresponding increase in the proceeds of the tender forms from Rs. 6,924 to Rs. 1 during the year.

5. The total tonnage of consignments, imported exported, during the year was 8,466 tons and the tota incurred was Rs. 27,61,697, including customs duty, ing charges, harbour dues, commission and other incid charges for the transport of goods to their respe destinations. A sum of Rs. 2,30,892 was recovered the Customs Authorities of Madras and Bombay as r of excess Customs Duty, Transit Dues, etc.

6. The total expenditure of the Stores Purchase mittee, including the contribution of Rs. 4,000 towards the Trade Agent's Office in London, the an paid to Messrs. Rendel Palmer and Tritton, Ltd., Lo and the Salaries and Establishment and Contingent ch of the Office of the Committee, amounted to Rs. 5 which worked out to 28 per cent of the value of Stor against 40 per cent during the previous year. This dec in the percentage on the total value of orders was m due to the savings on account of the termination c services of Messrs. Rendel Palmer and Tritton, London.

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